

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a misuse of the public airwaves.

Sinclair uses the Public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the Public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, i.e. a particular company's agenda, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, i want to see real people from my own community and more substantive news about issues that matter to us locally.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.